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Title COLLEGIAL SOCIETY OF HUNGARIAN VETERANS, aka. Comradeship of the Hungarian Warriors (Magyar Harcosok Bajtarsi Kozossege: MHBK)		Character INTERNAL SECURITY - R, HU REGISTRATION ACT	
Synopsis:		<p>DENES DOBAK, presently residing in Youngstown, Ohio. Formerly resided in Cleveland. DOBAK came to Cleveland Office in November, 1949 and offered to be of assistance. Informant does not know of any activity on part of subject group. Group characterized as pro-Nazi by one informant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p>	
Details:		<p><u>At Cleveland, Ohio:</u></p> <p>On November 8, 1949, DENES DOBAK reported Supreme Commander of subject group in the United States, and one JOSEPH TOTH, came to the Cleveland Office, accompanied by Miss THERESA DUDAS, 1432 West 81st St., Cleveland, who had requested them to accompany her to the Cleveland Office.</p> <p>Miss DUDAS advised that DOBAK and TOTH were formerly Hungarian officials who had arrived in the United States in the recent past. She added that they might be in a position to furnish valuable information concerning Communist matters, particularly concerning the operation of DP camps in Germany.</p>	
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Neither DOBAK nor TOTH were able to speak other than halting English at that time and consequently Miss DUDAS acted as interpreter during the course of the interview. DOBAK advised that he had been a colonel in the Hungarian Army during World War II and had surrendered himself to the American Army in 1945.

TOTH stated that he had been a member of the Hungarian Parliament from 1939 until October 1944 when the Nazis took over the Hungarian government. He left Hungary in March, 1945.

DOBAK advised that he arrived in Cleveland from Europe on October 12, 1949; TOTH arrived on September 29, 1949. Both furnished general information, the substance of which was that a large number of Hungarians in DP camps in Germany were in reality pro-Communists and not anti-Communists as they professed to be.

Both stated that they intended to seek employment and remain in the Cleveland area.

Neither DOBAK or TOTH made any mention of subject organization during the course of the interview and neither individual has returned to this office, nor has had any contact with it since that time. DOBAK at the time of the interview, was residing at 14802 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss THERESA DUDAS subsequently advised that DOBAK left Cleveland during the latter part of summer, 1950, and is residing at 101 Manchester Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, where he is employed by an engineering firm.

There is no other information in the Cleveland files concerning DOBAK or subject organization which has not been reported by other sources and is not in possession of the office of origin.

T-1, a confidential informant of known reliability, who is prominent in Hungarian affairs in the City of Cleveland, advised that he has heard of subject group and of DENES DOBAK. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, the Collegial Society of Hungarian Veterans is not formally organized in the Cleveland area, but is a loose-knit organization composed almost exclusively of former Hungarian Army officers who were considered "extreme rightists" in Hungarian political affairs. The only member of this group in the area who is known to T-1 is DENES DOBAK.

DOBAK, according to informant, was on the general staff of FERENC SZALASI, the former Hungarian premier who assumed forceful control of the Hungarian government after Admiral HORTHY capitulated to the Allies after issuing an armistice proclamation. The informant stated that the short-lived regime of SZALASI was composed almost entirely of fanatic Hungarian Nazis.

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According to the informant, that regime was responsible for numerous atrocities which were committed immediately prior to the final defeat of Hungary.

T-2, a confidential informant of known reliability, who is a Hungarian clerical leader, advised that he has heard of subject organization as being in existence but did not know of any activity in which it has been involved. T-2 advised that it was his understanding that subject organization was composed of "rightist elements" of the wartime Hungarian Army. The informant did not know DENES DOBAK.

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